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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the
examiner dated, Dec. 30, 2003, rejecting the following claims 1-50
The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$330.00.
(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)
The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.
( ) (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

- ( ) one month \$110.00 two months \$420.00
- three months \$950.00 four months \$1480.00
- ( ) The extension fee has already been filed in this application.
- (X) (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account 08-2025 the sum of \$330.00 the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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